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Mission Statement

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department shall exist to serve the leisure and recreational needs of the residents and tourists of the county. We will strive to be the leader in providing well-maintained, high-quality passive parks and facilities, excellent programs and services, and the preservation of greenspace to enhance the quality of life in the county.

Park Board Meetings

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, except holidays. They are held at 7 p.m. in the Cool Creek Nature Center auditorium, located at 2000-1 East 151st Street, Carmel, IN 46033. The meetings are open to the public.

Park Hours

All parks operated by Hamilton County Parks and Recreation are open 365 days a year from dawn to dusk. Some sections of the park may be closed due to special events, shelter reservations or flooding. Please refer to *The Chatterbox* or call the administrative office.

On the cover:

Cool Creek Summer Campers enjoying buckets of fun as they participate in the traditional "Creek Stomp" – just one of the many engaging activities offered through the summer camp program. For camp registration information and more summer camp details, see pages 12 and 13.

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**Greetings and welcome to the March–
June 2014 edition of *The Chatterbox Leisure
Guide*.**

This has been a winter for the record books! I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our staff and all those throughout our community that worked their tails off plowing snow and digging out our facilities. Their metal was tested this winter and they all came out sparkling like sterling silver. I am generally acknowledged as a winter lover, but this winter has even drawn my appreciation for the white stuff into question! In the everlasting pursuit of the silver lining, the possibility exists that our harsh winter might have a positive effect by reducing the numbers of some of our unwelcome summer pests, such as mosquitos and even Emerald Ash Borers. Time will tell. Enough about winter. Let's change the subject to the much-anticipated season of spring. I suspect that in the months to come, everyone who has been cooped up inside will be rushing out to take part in their favorite outdoor activities. The following pages are full of wonderful programs and opportunities designed to get you outside and/or learn about nature. Take advantage of all of the great offerings provided by our state's finest natural resources education/interpretation staff. Enjoy bird hikes, summer camps, spring wildflower hikes, or simply the natural environment of the area's most inviting outdoor concert venue at Cool Creek Park. Hopefully, we will be given a mild spring. But even that season comes with its own set of unique park maintenance challenges (all the snow, ice and rain has to go somewhere). This spring, the patience you've exhibited over the past few months will be appreciated by the personnel charged with the maintenance and upkeep of your favorite community assets...your county parks!

Speaking on behalf of our entire team, we're committed to doing our best for you.



Al Patterson

Allen W. Patterson, CPRP, CPSI

Director, Hamilton County
Department of Parks and Recreation

See ya in the parks!

Solar Panels at the Cool Creek Nature Center Update

View the energy generated by our solar panels on the roof of the Cool Creek Nature Center.

Visit www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com and click on the *Cool Creek Solar Panels* link!



Snapshot taken February 3, 2014. Data generated since September 2, 2010

Park Programs ccnc/ccp



Photo - courtesy Kim Clark

Visit the Cool Creek Nature Center!

More than 40,000 guests visited the Nature Center last year! Our exhibits, which are all designed and created by our staff, change seasonally. Additionally, a rotating free daily craft, scavenger hunts, and games are available every day. In addition, our Wildlife Viewing Area and Greenhouse are also available. There is ALWAYS something new to explore at the Cool Creek Nature Center. While you are here, be sure to allow time for a nature hike and a trip to our popular playground! We hope you will make plans to visit us soon! For more information, please call us at 317-774-2500.

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Cost: Free

PLEASE NOTE: Nature Center closed on: April 18 and 20; May 6 and 26

Hold the Mustard!

Are you itching to get outdoors?
Be with others who love nature?
Get satisfaction from knowing
you're making a difference in
your community?

If you answered 'yes' to these questions, this project is for you! Come help us pull invasive Garlic Mustard plants. This prevents them from spreading and crowding out wildflowers in your park, which in turn helps to restore the park's ecological health.

Dress: Please wear seasonally-appropriate attire.

Ages: All children under 18 need signed parental permission; under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

What to bring: Gloves.
Supplies, water and basic training will be provided by HCPR.

To volunteer: Visit myhamiltoncountyparks.com and click on "Volunteer Opportunities."

Questions: Please call 317-774-2509.



Associates with Aimco, a local apartment management company, pose with a portion of their invasive Garlic Mustard "harvest."

Date*	Times	Locations
3/15/14	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Cool Creek Park
3/23/14	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Potter's Bridge Park
3/29/14	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Cool Creek Park
4/3/14	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Potter's Bridge Park
4/9/14	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Cool Creek Park
4/19/14	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Potter's Bridge Park
4/26/14	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Cool Creek Park
4/27/14	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Strawtown Koteewi Park
5/4/14	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Cool Creek Park
5/10/14	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Potter's Bridge Park
5/17/14	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Cool Creek Park
5/18/14	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Strawtown Koteewi Park
5/31/14	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Cool Creek Park

*If your group would like to schedule a different date, please call 317-774-2509.

Spring Exhibit: Spring on a Wing Exhibit

Birds are all around us, yet few people realize the large diversity found in Indiana or know about the astonishing habits of these amazing feathered dynamos! Put a "spring" in your step as you "migrate" to the Cool Creek Nature Center to learn more about these creatures. Information about specific birds, like woodpeckers, will be featured as well as general bird-related facts about conservation, nesting, and habitats.

Dates: March 17 - June 8

(Please note when we are closed for holidays)

Summer Exhibit: Summer SenSe-ations

We will be celebrating many of nature's most SENSE-ATIONAL things including hummingbirds, butterflies, lightning bugs, flowers, frogs, and other delightful creatures! Come inside, cool off, and enjoy exploring and learning about the amazing things that fill the summer sky, scent the summer air, and add musical fancy to this magical season!



Pajama-Rama

Put on your cutest pair of pajamas, grab your favorite teddy bear, pack a blanket, and join us for Pajama-Rama! Families looking for a fun program to enjoy with their toddlers and pre-schoolers will love the Music Educator from Moriah Music who will lead us in songs and stories about some of our favorite animals.

Dates: March 7; April 4; May 2; June 6

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Ages: Best for families with children ages 1-7

Pre-registration: Is preferred,

call 317-774-2500 or email

cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: CCNC

Spring Break Programs

Every weekday during Spring Break at 1:00 pm

Ages: Best for school-aged children

Location: CCNC

 *Indicates Spring Break Programs*

Program with Silly Safaris

Silly Safaris will be visiting to take us on an entertaining trip. We will learn about some of the interesting spring animals in our area and around the world. Silly Safaris will share the animals' amazing adaptations and silly characteristics!

Date: Monday, April 7 at 1:00 pm

Ages: Best for school-aged children

Location: CCNC



Indiana Owls

Who-who is sharing our woods? Swoop in to find out as Mark Booth, Director of Take Flight Wildlife Education brings several of his owls to share with the audience.

Date: Tuesday, April 8 at 1:00 pm

Ages: Best for school-aged children

Location: CCNC

ANIMALIA-Spring Awakening

As the land awakens from its winter slumber, plants begin to bloom and animals become more active as they search for food, shelter, and mates. Wake up and find a friend to join you at this eye-opening experience.

Date: Wednesday, April 9 at 1:00 pm

Ages: Best for school-aged children

Location: CCNC

Rainforest Animals

Learn about the animals of the world's rainforest with Snakehead Ed. He will be bringing several exotic, tropical animals to show the crowd.

Date: Thursday, April 10 at 1:00 pm

Ages: Best for school-aged children

Location: CCNC

Indiana Wild-Animals in your Backyard

There is a lot more going on in our yards and neighborhoods than we realize! Many interesting critters share the same space! Come learn about our nature neighbors!

Date: Friday, April 11 at 1:00 pm

Ages: Best for school-aged children

Location: CCNC



Family Nature Club

Explore Nature with your Children

Do you want to get your kids outside to experience nature? Join us and we will explore nature together. The whole family can join us hit the trail, exploring and sharing our finds! The club will start inside the Cool Creek Nature Center.

Dates: Sunday, March 9 - Signs Spring
Sunday, May 4 - Fighting Four Forests & Combatting Invasives
Sunday, June 8 - Catchin' Crawdads
(Dress to go in the creek!)

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: CCNC

Pre-registration: No



Pre-School Gathering-Nature Kids!

Bring the little ones and join us as we get to know nature! Parents stay with their children and explore alongside them! After a little circle time and craft inside, the group will head outside to explore! We will try to get outside rain or shine; so dress for the weather! Spending time in nature makes kids happier, healthier, and smarter!

Dates: Thursday, March 13 - Nature Center Animals!
Thursday April 17- Spring Awakening
Thursday, May 8 - Diggin' in the Dirt
Thursday, June 12 - Feeling Squirrelly

Times: 10:30 am

Location: CCP

Pre-registration: Is preferred by calling, 317-774-2500 or email: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Home-School Hike

Bring your home-schoolers to Cool Creek Park to learn about Indiana nature and get out for a hike. We will explore the woods and prairie.

Dates: Thursday, March 20 - All about Birds
Thursday, April 24 - Woodland Wildflowers
Thursday, May 15 - Fighting Four Forests & Combatting Invasives
Thursday, June 12 - Tracking our Woods

Times: 1:00 pm

Location: CCP

Pre-registration: Is preferred by calling 317-774-2500 or email: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov



Bring the wildflowers Home

Come and join us as we take a look at the tame side of some native flowers. We'll highlight flowers that are good for getting started, good for keeping the deer under control, and useful for attracting birds and butterflies.

Date: Wednesday, April 23

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: CCP

Ages: Best for adults and families with older children

Pre-registration: Is preferred by calling 317-774-2500 or email: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov



Cool Creek Story-time

Families can cool off on the carpet inside the Nature Center during nature-inspired story-time.

Date: Tuesday, June 3

Tuesday, July 1

Time: 11:00 am

Location: CCP

Ages: Toddlers and pre-school ages

Pre-registration: Is preferred by calling 317-774-2500 or email: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Birding 101

Bird-watching is the fastest growing outdoor activity in the United States with over 51 million Americans participating! If you want to know more about this hobby, you'll want to join us for this presentation. We'll explain what equipment is needed, shed some light on why so many people are so passionate about watching birds, and talk about some of the breath-taking migratory birds that will be heading our way soon!

Date: Saturday, April 5 at 11:00 am

Location: CCNC

Summer Nature Programs

Nature Programs

Hey kids! Here's your chance to explore the great outdoors at Cool Creek Park. There will be nature-related exploration, crafts, and puppet shows during these one-hour programs. Pre-registration is required and is available by calling or emailing the Cool Creek Nature Center. Required registration information includes name and age of child and the program title and time. Additional information will be distributed upon registration confirmation. Children can only attend each topic once. A limited number of spaces are available, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration for these programs however, will not open until Friday, May 30.

Times:

10:00-11:00 am

12:00-1:00 pm

2:00- 3:00 pm

Ages:

3-10

Cost:

Free

Pre-registration:

Yes, by calling 317-774-2500 or cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov (not open until May 30, 2014)

Location:

CCNC



Butterflies / June 30

Butterflies may begin as a funny caterpillar, but then become one of the most beautiful bugs around. Join us as we flutter about and find these awesome insects!

Squirrels / July 1

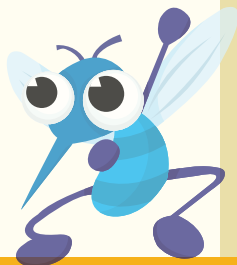
Squirrels love to hop, skip and jump like crazy as they search for food, build dens and play. Come and join us as we "go nuts" squirrel style.

Creek Stomp / July 2

Let's beat the heat and play in the creek. Our staff will provide a wonderfully wet program for all! Feel free to bring your own net and bucket- or borrow one of ours!

Bees and Wasps / July 3

These critters may come with a sting, but they offer one of the sweetest things on Earth. Come and see what the buzz is about.



Cool Creek Campfire



Join us around the Cool Creek campfire ring for songs, presentations, and marshmallows. Cindy Baney, music educator with Moriah Music, will start the evening off with music. Special speakers will then entertain guests each week with topics about snakes, birds, turtles, and more. Hang out with your family and friends during these special Wednesday evenings. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

Dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

REALLY Dangerous Animals / June 4

Amazon John with Silly Safaris is back with some REALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS! Be sure to make it to this exhilarating show.

Backyard Adventure with ANIMAILA / June 11

Learn about the wild animals in your own back yard! Find out what you can do to help! Explore animal artifacts and meet 5 native species such as a hawk, owl, crow, skunk, raccoon, opossum, snakes, or lizards.

Amazing World of Animals / June 18

Animals from all over the world will be at our campfire ring. Larry Battson, wildlife educator and handler, will talk to us about animal lives, conservation, and more.

Nocturnal Animals / June 25

Indiana WILD will be joining us for a program all about animals of the night! These highly adaptive nocturnal creatures are as interesting as they are unusual!

All American Animals / July 2

Celebrate our country's birthday a day early with Coyote Chris of Silly Safaris. Animals that get us excited about our independence will be featured!



Birds of Prey / July 9

Take Flight Wildlife Education's Mark Booth will be bringing several birds of prey to share with the audience. Hawks, Owls, and Kestrels are just a few of the amazing birds that prey on small animals and examples of what Booth will have for the audience!

Hedgehog Hannah / July 16

Carmel's own, Hedgehog Hannah, will visit our campfire ring and bring some of her favorite critters along! The show will teach about the importance of researching before adding a new pet to the family and the why it is important to keep wild animals wild!

Snakes with Ed-THE BIG ONES / July 23

Ed will be bringing lots of snakes to show the audience. He will dispel many of the myths people have about these fascinating creatures.

Surviving Summer with ANIMALIA / July 30

In the heat of the summer, survival can be challenging for many animals as they deal with difficult conditions such as increased temperatures and protected resources such as water and territory. Find out how animals stay cool and see if they have what it takes to be a survivor.

Park Programs tcnh/skp

Gardening Fun-O-One

March is the time to plan and plant your spring vegetable garden. Geared to the beginner gardener, we will learn the basics of planning your first garden and also learn about future garden programs here at the park. We will send you home with some easy to grow seeds to get your garden started.

Date: Saturday, March 15 at 1:00 pm

Ages: Best for adults and families

Location: TCNH

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Useful and Edible Plants

There are dozens of delicious and healthy food plants that thrive in our environment. In this class we will find many examples, harvest, and prepare them into nutritious food. We will prepare several species in the field. Also, plants that are useful for dye, fiber, fire making, and other purposes will be examined. Safety and ethics of wild harvesting will be explored.

Date: Saturday, April 26

Time: 1:00-5:00 pm

Ages: Best for adults

Location: TCNH

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email christy.brocken@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Herbal Preparations

Learn how to take herbs from the field, forest, or even your yard and make a variety of useful items. Current literature on the subject will be examined. The process for producing salves, oils, balms, tinctures, decoctions, infusions, and more will be explained, demonstrated, and put into practice in this hands-on class. Students will leave with a printed set of basic instructions for making a variety of useful preparations. This will include products with medicinal, culinary, and household uses. Also, each student will leave with samples of several preparations we will manufacture in class.

Date: Sunday, April 27

Time: 1:00-5:00 pm

Ages: Best for adults

Cost: \$5

Location: TCNH

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email christy.brocken@hamiltoncounty.in.gov



Three Sisters' Gardening and More!

We are excited to have Cynthia Deardorff back to share with us her knowledge and years of experience with Native American foods. Come spend an afternoon or just drop by for a few minutes and learn about gardening, gathering, processing and cooking American Indian foods. She will be onsite from 1-4 doing interactive demonstrations. She will once again have her seeds available for purchase for you to create your own Three Sisters' Garden.

Date: Saturday, May 10

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

Ages: Best for adults, but all are welcome

Location: TCNH

Collection Identification

Do you have some arrowheads, stone tools, or other Native American artifacts? Join Archaeologist Jim Mohow as he helps artifact collectors identify personal collection pieces. When possible, Mr. Mohow will share the dates and stories associated with these fascinating relics of the past and the people who used them.

Date: Saturday, March 29

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Ages: Adults and older children

Location: TCNH/SKP



Taylor Center of Natural History at Strawtown Koteewi Park

The Taylor Center of Natural History is open daily! Visitors are invited to discover the colorful local history that stretches thousands of years into the past. Artifacts recovered by professional archaeologists in previous excavations are on display in our exhibit room. Over eight miles of trails are open, so don't forget your hiking shoes and sense of adventure! Group tours or presentations can also be arranged by calling 317-774-2574 or 317-714-7144.

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Taylor Center closed on: April 18 and 20; May 6 and 26

Strawtown Enclosure - Native American Village Tours

Our interpretive staff will be conducting tours of the Strawtown Enclosure, a Native American village that was inhabited over 700 years ago. During these tours we will discuss the Native Americans who built and used the enclosure and see some of the artifacts recovered by archaeologists. The tours will begin inside the Taylor Center of Natural History and include a short stroll to the village site. For more information, please contact us at 317-774-2574.

Dates: Saturdays at 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sundays at 2:00 - 3:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Tours will not be offered on April 20



An Encounter with Fur Traders

Have you ever wondered what Indiana was like when it was still a frontier land? Who were some of the first Europeans to visit Hamilton County? Step back to the 1700s and meet a father-son fur trading team, and learn about what they do and how they do it. Come anytime during the program's time span and stay as long as you'd like.

Dates: Friday, April 4 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Sunday, June 8 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or
email taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: TCNH/SKP

Nature Hikes



Spring Break Hike at Strawtown Koteewi Park

Join our park staff as both the prairie and woodlands come alive with the sights and sounds of spring. Please dress for the weather. This hike will begin inside the Taylor Center.

Date: Thursday, April 10, at 11:00 am

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: SKP

Spring Wildflower Hikes

Walk the trails with a Naturalist in search of beautiful spring wildflowers at Cool Creek Park. You won't want to miss the opportunity to see these flowers as they make their brief, but enchanting appearance in our forests this spring. A Naturalist will discuss a variety of topics during the hike, including medicinal and edible attributes of the flowers as well as folklore associated with them. These hikes begin in the Nature Center.

Dates: Saturday, April 19

Monday, May 5

Saturday, May 10

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: CCP

Arbor Day Tree Stroll

Celebrate Arbor Day as the trees' new leaves unfurl and their flowers bloom. Our Naturalist staff is eager to share information about these magnificent plants and their annual rebirth each spring. This hike will begin just inside in the entrance of the historic Potter's Bridge.

Date: Saturday, April 26 at 3:00 pm

Location: PBP

Celebrate National Trails Day Hike

National Trails Day is a GREAT reason to get outside and explore one of the newer parks in our county, Bray Family Homestead! This 92 acre is filled with lots of places to explore. Our Naturalist will explore the wooded lot and succession field located within this 92 acre park! Lace up your boots and come explore!

Date: Saturday, June 7 at 11:00 am

Location: SKP

Naturalist-led Tour at Coxhall Children's Garden

Take a tour of the Children's Garden located at Coxhall Gardens with a Naturalist and discover the inspiration behind this magical little spot. All sorts of ideas went into designing this play area and our Naturalist will let you in on the story as we walk around and "play" in the area. This program will meet at the entrance of the Children's Garden.

Dates: Thursday, March 20

Thursday, April 24

Thursday, May 29

Thursday, June 19

Time: 11:00 am

Ages: Parents and their children

Location: CHG



Prairie Hike

Join us as we explore the prairie habitat at its peak of beauty! Butterflies and birds that rely on the prairie habitat will be discussed along with the prairie history, medicinal uses, edible attributes, and uses by Native Americans and early European settlers. This hike will begin inside the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Dates: Saturday, June 28 at 1:00 pm

Location: TCNH/SKP



Min. 40/Max. 50 team

Date: Saturday, August 23

Registration: by August 7 or when full

Time: 7am - 7pm



On Saturday, August 23rd, teams will compete in various mental, physical, and passive challenges at four different park sites around the county. No time will be recorded for travel. Lunch will be provided at park site 2. Check-in will be from 8A-8:30A, and the event will conclude with dinner and an awards presentation beginning at 4P. Monetary prizes will be given to the top three teams. For ages 14 & up. Each team must have at least one member 18 years of age or older. \$50 for team of two. Min. 40/Max. 60 teams. Specific park locations to be determined.

Please register through Westfield Parks and Recreation at www.westfield.in.gov/parks or by calling (317)804-3184. Registration begins 5/1 and ends 8/8 or when full.

Race will conclude at Central Park, 1235 Central Park Drive East, Carmel, IN 46032
Location: Check in at Fishers Heritage Park, 10595 Eller Road, Fishers, IN 46038

Thanks to the great folks at Chick-fil-A Westfield for serving as the dinner sponsor for this year's race!

For the birds!



Beginning Bird Hikes

Bird-watching is enjoyed by over 50 million Americans! Many people watch birds at their feeders, but some of us stroll the trails hoping to catch a glimpse at them! Some of the most beautiful birds in the world live or migrate through central Indiana and most of them don't frequent feeders! From American Robins to Scarlet Tanagers, we will try and find them all! Tips on binoculars, field guides, gear, and identification will keep the conversation lively as we look! You may begin anytime during the season and come as often as you like. Don't forget your binoculars!

Cool Creek Park: These hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park; past the Nature Center.

Dates: March 2, 12, 16, 19, 26, 30; April 9, 13, 16, 23, 27, 30; May 11, 14, 21, 25, 28 ; June 8, 11, 18, 22, 25.

Time: 8:30-10:00 am

Days: Wednesday and every other Sunday

Strawtown Koteewi Park: These hikes will meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Dates: March 5; April 2; May 7; June 4 from 8:30-10:00 am

Saturday Morning Spring Migration Bird Hikes

Catch a peek at some beautiful birds as they make their return this spring. The hikes are led by well-known birder, Keith Starling. Hurry, some birds will not stay around long! After the hike, stop by the Nature Center's Wildlife Viewing Area for coffee and doughnuts. Don't forget your binoculars! Spring migration bird hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park.

Dates: April 19 and 26; May 3, 17, 24, 31

Time: 8:00-10:00 am

Location: CCP

American Woodcock walk

Unusual, weird, romantic, and unique are all words used to describe the American Woodcock. Come experience this rite of spring for yourself at Strawtown Koteewi Park as male Woodcocks perform their aerial courtship displays for the females in the prairie at dusk! An indoor presentation will take place inside the Taylor Center for those interested in knowing more about the life-history of this bird. Those interested only in seeing the aerial display should meet the group inside the Taylor Center and will be led by a Naturalist outside.

Date: Saturday, March 8

Time: Indoor Program portion at 6:00 pm

Outdoor Program portion begins at 6:30 pm

Location: TCNH-SKP

Audubon May Bird Count

Volunteer to help the HCP&R and the Indiana Audubon Society as we count birds throughout our county. This annual count takes place on International Migratory Bird Day and the results are a valuable tool in tracking bird populations throughout the United States. Bird watchers of different skill levels will be paired together and assigned to various areas of the county. After the morning festivities, an optional lunch will be provided in the Cool Creek Nature Center.

Date: Saturday, May 10

Time: 8:00 am

Fee: Free

Location: CCNC-County-wide

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2500 or email amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Rookery PreServe

Join a Naturalist at the Great Blue Heron rookery in Hamilton County. We will meet and stay at the Stoops Observation Deck and discuss details about the park. We will spend the majority of the time watching and talking about the Great Blue Herons, who should be busily courting and tending their nests. You are encouraged to bring binoculars, spotting scopes, and photography equipment. Some equipment will be available.

Dates:

Saturday, March 8 at 4:00 pm

Thursday, March 20 at 3:30 pm (First day of Spring)

Saturday, March 22 at 1:00 pm (World Water Day)

Wednesday, April 9 at 11:00 am

Saturday, April 12 at 3:30 pm

Tuesday, April 22 at 2:00 pm (Earth Day)

Saturday, May 3 at 3:30 pm

Monday, May 5 at 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 22 at 4:00 pm

Saturday, May 31 at 3:00 pm

Wednesday, June 11 at 11:00 am

Location: RP

Pre-registration: Preferred, by calling 317-774-2500 or email: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Programs available upon request at the Rookery Preserve

Church groups, home-schoolers, nature clubs, scouts, American Heritage Girls, or any group can request a special program at the Rookery Preserve lead by a Naturalist!

The best viewing times are March-May.

If you'd like to schedule your program, please email amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or call 317-774-2500.



Day Camps

Looking for a fun and energetic nature-based camp for your children to attend this summer? The Cool Creek Nature Center is offering another summer camp series this year. Registration begins March 15th at 10am. Children must be of the appropriate age of the desired camp by September 1st, 2014. Please refer to the camp registration details listed on this page or call the Cool Creek Nature Center with questions at 317-774-2500.

Explorer Safari - Children ages 6 to 7
Fee: \$60.00

Session 1 / June 9 - 13
9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Session 2 / June 9 - 13
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Ranger Adventure - Children ages 8 to 10
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fee: \$70.00

Session 1 / June 16 - 20

Session 2 / July 7 - 11

Session 3 / July 21 - 25

Junior Outdoor Skills - Children ages 11 to 13
10:00 am - 3:00 pm (Monday-Wednesday)
Thursday 10:00 am - all night/ Friday pickup at 10:00 am
Fee: \$80.00

Session 1 / June 23 - 27

Session 2 / July 14 - 18

Session 3 / July 28 - August 1

Cool Creek CAMP

Camp Registration Day

Date: Saturday, March 15

Time: Registration begins at 10:00 am

Location: Cool Creek Nature Center or online

All information provided here can also be found online at www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com.



If you have any questions about our registration process, please feel free to contact our Camp Coordinator, Dan Popiela at dan.popiela@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or by calling 317-774-2500.

GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Parents can register either online or in-person.
- A limited number of spaces are available and registration for each camp is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Campers are only permitted to attend the camp for their designated age group.
- Parents can only sign each child up for one session.
- One Camper Profile is required for each camper.
- The Camper Profile must be completed before registration.
- Registration can not take place until 10:00 a.m. on registration day.
- The Camper Profile must be completed by the parent/legal guardian of the child.



The Cool Creek Nature Center is anticipating another great year of camp! We are once again offering our families the option of registering online! Our intention is to provide a more convenient and efficient experience for parents and staff. We anticipate that this process will be as trouble free as possible, but we ask that our camp families be understanding and patient. In-person registration is still an option for our camp parents without internet access or for those that simply prefer this method.

Additional In-Person Registration Info:

- Parents registering their child(ren) in-person need to create an account online and complete a Camper Profile.
 - If this can not be achieved, please contact our Camp Coordinator for details.
- HCPR will allow relatives or family friends to register children in-person as long as the parent/legal guardian of the child has completed the online Camper Profile.
- A strict limit of four additional children per registering family will be applied.
- **Payment for the camp can be processed at the same time as in-person registration.**

Additional ONLINE Registration Info:

In order to register online, you must have created an account and completed a Camper Profile for each of your children.

- All Camper Profiles must be completed by registration day.
- Parents must log on at, or any time after, 10:00 a.m. on registration day in order to reserve a spot in the desired camp.
- Camps that are full will not be available online. Please consider registering for a different, age-appropriate week only if your child is able to attend.
 - Please call the Cool Creek Nature Center to be placed on the wait list.
- Online registration reserves a spot for your child in camp. Your child's spot in camp is not **FINALIZED** until payment is received within the designated timeframe. (See payment section below.)
- We currently are unable to process payments online.

CAMPER PROFILES

At any time, parents can access our website www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com and set up a Camper Profile or update their existing account details. Click on the "Summer Camp Accounts" tab on the right side of our homepage which takes you to the log in screen.

- If you have an **EXISTING ACCOUNT**, you must log in and review your Camper's Profile to update any information.
- **NEW Camper Profiles** will involve setting up an account including creating a user name and password and filling out online registration information.
- If your child **ATTENDED CAMP IN THE PAST** but didn't complete an online Camper Profile, please contact the Camp Coordinator. We will check our existing files in hopes of linking the information.
- Camper Profiles must be created prior to registering for a camp.
- A camper will not be registered for a camp unless all required fields are completed on the Camper Profile.
- **Users will be unable to select a camp until the actual registration time on March 15, 2014 at or after 10:00 a.m.**



Payment

- We currently are unable to process payments online.
- In order to complete the registration process, camp fees must be received by the Cool Creek Nature Center within **FOUR** days from the day you registered. If payment is not received within this timeframe, you forfeit your spot in camp and it will go to next available patron.
- Forms of payment include cash, check, or credit card.
 - Checks can be made payable to **HCPR**.
- They must include the Driver's License Number or Social Security Number of the check holder.
 - Credit Card payments will include an additional processing fee of \$1.00 plus 2% of the transaction amount.
- Credit Card payments are preferably done in person; however, payments by phone can be arranged.
- We will begin processing credit card payments after 1pm on registration day.
- Camp fees can be paid in person, sent through the mail, or by phone at the Cool Creek Nature during office hours.
 - **COOL CREEK NATURE CENTER**, 2000-1 E. 151st St. Carmel, IN 46033, 317-774-2500
 - **HOURS OF OPERATION**: Mon.-Sat. 10am to 5pm / Sun 1-5pm
- Payment can be brought in by relatives or family friends, as long as the Camper Profile was completed by the parent/legal guardian.
- Once payment is received, the parents will be sent a confirmation email stating that the camper's spot is confirmed. This email is automatically sent after midnight. Please note, payment might not be processed the day it is received.
- When paying by mail, please include the full name of the camper and the camp they are registered for on the check or separate piece of paper.

Cancellations:

Unfortunately, NO REFUNDS will be made available after a child is registered. If a child is unable to attend camp for any reason, a credit may be made available towards the next year's camp in 2015. A cancellation form must be completed and approved by the Camp Coordinator in order to receive any credits. This credit may only be applied to a child within the same family at the same address. If the credit is not applied to camp in 2015 then the credit is forfeited. Camp availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. A credit towards next year's camp is not a guarantee that a spot will be available for that child. Any available opening will be made to the next available person on the waiting list, as determined by the HCPR staff. Cancellation forms are available at Cool Creek Nature Center at www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com. Any concerns regarding the cancellation policy may be addressed to the HCPR's Department Director, Al Patterson at the Hamilton County Administration Office by phone at 317-770-4400.



June 13
Polkaboy
polkaboy.com

June 20
The Flying Toasters
theflyingtoasters.com

June 27
Jeremy Vogt Band
jeremyvogt.com

July 11
ESB
endlesssummerband.com

July 18
My Yellow Rickshaw
myyellowrickshaw.com

Select Fridays at 7PM
Gates open at 6PM

Adults - \$5
12 & Under - Free

Cool Creek Park 2000 East 151st Street, Carmel/Westfield



Discount season passes!
Call 770-4400
for details.

showers beach boat dock fishing canoe launch music pavilion picnic tables picnic shelters restrooms playground disc golf soccer field baseball / softball basketball court volleyball bicycling greenspace nature trail paved trail equestrian trail camping wetland / prairie

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1. Administrative Office 15513 S. Union Street, Carmel																							(317) 770-4400
2. Bray Family Homestead Park (BFHP) 4528 Sheridan Ave, Noblesville																	●	●					(317) 770-4400
3. Cool Creek Park (CCP) 2000 E. 151 st Street, Carmel					●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●				●		(317) 774-2500
4. Coxhall Gardens (CHG) 116th Street & Towne Road, Carmel			●		●			●	●						●	●	●	●			●		(317) 774-2582
5. Geist Park (GP) 10979 Florida Road, Fortville			●	●		●	●	●	●							●	●				●		(317) 770-4400
6. Lafayette Trace Park (LTP) 15796 E. Strawtown Ave, Noblesville			●	●												●							(317) 770-4400
7. Morse Park & Beach (MPB) 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●						(317) 770-4400
8. Potter's Bridge Park (PBP) 19401 N. Allisonville Road, Noblesville			●	●		●	●	●	●						●	●	●	●					(317) 770-4400
9. River Road Park (RRP) 12575 River Road, Carmel			●	●				●	●						●	●	●	●			●		(317) 770-4400
10. Riverwood Canoe Landing (RCL) 20814 Riverwood Ave, Noblesville			●	●																			(317) 770-4400
11. Rookery Preserve (RP) 25440 Scherer Ave, Arcadia																	●						(317) 770-4400
12. Strawtown Koteewi Park (SKP) 12308 Strawtown Ave, Noblesville			●	●											●	●	●		●		●		(317) 774-2574
13. White River Campground (WRCG) 11299 E. 234 th Street, Cicero	●		●	●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●					●			(317) 770-4430

NOW OPEN!



Beach Bash

Beaches, sunbathing and fun are the perfect combination for summertime! Our annual Beach Bash is a fun way to enjoy summer. Activities include great music, games and tons of fun in the sun!

Dates: Wednesday, June 18 and Wednesday, July 16
Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cost: Free – but limited to the first 200 to arrive
Location: MPB





White River Campground

Operating Dates: April 15 - October 31, 2014

Location: 11299 East 234th Street, Cicero, IN 46034

Amenities:

- 100 modern campsites
- 7 primitive campsites
- water, electric & sewer hook-ups
- camp store, includes bait and tackle
- recreation room
- restrooms/shower facility
- laundry facility
- playground
- picnic shelter
- White River access
- WiFi

Reservations are accepted 365 days in advance. Please call 317-770-4430 to make your reservation... today!

CAMPSITE / FACILITY	DAILY		WEEKLY	
	Hamilton County	Out of County	Hamilton County	Out of County
Full Hook-up	\$25	\$30	\$130	\$150
Electric and Water	\$20	\$25	\$120	\$130
Primitive Site	\$15	\$20	\$100	\$120
Day Visitor	FREE	FREE	/	/
Recreation Room Rental	\$60	\$80	/	/
Shelter House Rental	\$60	\$80	/	/
Boat Launch	\$3	\$5	/	/
Dump Station	\$5	\$8	/	/

Morse Park Summer Triathlon

Is this the year you compete in your first triathlon, or are you a seasoned veteran of this annual event? Either way, join us for this summer triathlon that challenges all participants!

Date: Saturday, June 28

Time: 8:00 am

Location: MPB

19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville IN 46060

Registration and Information: tuxbro.com or call 317-733-3300

Family Fun Times!

AT WHITE RIVER CAMPGROUND

Throughout the 2013 season, White River Campground will offer quality entertainment and activities that are designed to add to the enjoyment of the camping experience for the entire family!

For specific details regarding the following campground events and programming, please call 317-770-4430.

April 27 / Tree Give-A-Way 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

May 10 / Family Fun Day Activities

May 24 / Memorial Weekend Entertainment

June 28 / Kids Day - Fishing Tourney, Fire Trucks

July 5 / July 4th Entertainment

July 19 / Magic Show - Crafts - Nature Tour

Aug. 9 / Ice Cream Social under the shelter

Aug. 30 / Labor Day Weekend Entertainment

Sep. 20 / Fall Rummage Sale

Oct. 11 / Halloween Weekend

Oct. 18 / Year End Pitch-In for Campers

...and MORE!

NOW OFFERING WIFI!

White River Campground is surrounded by other nearby county parks known for their unique offerings and amenities, as well. Adjacent Strawtown Koteewi Park (SKP), featuring the Taylor Center of Natural History (TCNH), and Potter's Bridge Park (PBP), where the historic Potter's Covered Bridge is located, offer added opportunities to expand your getaway options, at no additional cost! Locations, events and programming provided at these and other county parks can be found throughout this *Chatterbox Leisure Guide*.

Osprey Pointe Pavilion

Planning a shower, wedding reception, or any other special event? Our indoor rental facility at Morse Park and Beach offers a lodge-like setting and is available for private functions. Osprey Pointe is located on the banks of Morse Reservoir with a scenic view. The facility's seating capacity is 101 people and features a kitchenette and restrooms.

Facility Rental Rate:	\$160.50 for 4 hours
Non-resident Rate:	\$240.75 for 4 hours
Additional Hours:	\$42.80 per hour
Damage Deposit:	\$100
Alcohol Deposit:	\$400

Rental Rates include an on-site security guard and use of all tables and chairs.



Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion

Looking for a beautiful and serene location to hold your upcoming wedding and reception? The Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion are now ready to rent for weddings, wedding receptions, and any other special event you may have on your calendar. Rental is available from April through October.

For more information and to rent this facility, please call Ritz Charles at 317-846-9158 or visit ritzcharles.com



Cool Creek Park	Shelter Size	County Resident	Non-County Resident
Shelters A,B,C,D	20' x 30'	\$50 ^{+tax}	\$80 ^{+tax}

- Grill located at each shelter.
- Shelters hold approximately 50 people.

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Shelter	20' x 30'	\$50 ^{+tax}	\$80 ^{+tax}

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Morse Park and Beach	Shelter Size	County Resident	Non-County Resident
Shelters A,C,D	20' x 30'	\$50 ^{+tax}	\$80 ^{+tax}
Shelter B	30' x 40'	\$100 ^{+tax}	\$140 ^{+tax}

- Grill located at each shelter
- Shelters A,C,D hold approx. 50 people.
- Shelter B holds approx. 100 people.

Park Shelters

Looking for a place to have a picnic and enjoy your summer? Our affordable picnic shelters are a perfect place to have a get-together! Shelter rental is available from May 1st until September 30th.


- Shelter rentals are for all-day use.
- No refunds
- Cash, check, money order, VISA or Mastercard only

Please call 317-770-4400 for rental info.



Be a Parks Volunteer!

Volunteering for the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department can be a fun and rewarding experience!

Volunteer opportunities include general park upkeep, assisting with special events, helping with gardening, caring for the Nature Center's wildlife friends, greenhouse tending, landscaping, cleaning, socializing, educating and more. You can also check out the programs and events in this issue that offer volunteer opportunities. Look for the  symbol.

To volunteer, visit myhamiltoncountyparks.com and click on "Volunteer Opportunities."

Questions?
Please call 317-774-2509.

KEY

Su – Sunday
M – Monday
Tu – Tuesday
W – Wednesday
Th – Thursday
F – Friday
Sa – Saturday

March

- Sa **1** a. Maple Syrup Program - 10am to 1pm BFHP
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
- Su **2** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **5** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - SKP
- F **7** Pajama Rama - 7pm - CCNC
- Sa **8** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
b. Rookery Program - 4pm - RP
c. American Woodcock Walk - 6pm - TCNH
- Su **9** a. Enclosure Tour 2pm - SKP
b. Family Nature Club - 3pm - CCNC
- W **12** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **13** Pre-school Gathering - 10:30am - CCP
- Sa **15** a. Camp Registration - 10am - CCP
b. Garlic Mustard Pull - 10am - CCP
c. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
d. Gardening Fun-O-One - 1pm - TCNH
- Su **16** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- M **17** Spring Exhibit Begins - CCNC (Spring on a Wing Exhibit)
- W **19** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **20** a. Children's Garden Tour - 11am - CHG
b. Home-school Hike - 1pm - CCP
c. Rookery Preserve - 3:30pm - RP
- Sa **22** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
b. Rookery Preserve - 1pm - RP
- Su **23** a. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
b. Garlic Mustard Pull - 2pm - PBP
- W **26** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **27** Coxhall Mansion Tour - 10am - CHG
- Sa **29** a. Garlic Mustard Pull - 10am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
c. Collection Identification - 10am TCNH/SKP
- Su **30** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP

April

- W **2** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - SKP
- Th **3** Garlic Mustard Pull - 2pm - PBP
- F **4** a. Encounter with a Fur Trader - 1pm - SKP
b. Pajama Rama - 7pm - CCNC
- Sa **5** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
b. Birding 101 - 11am - CCNC
- Su **6** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- M **7** a. Silly Safaris Program - 1pm - CCNC
- Tu **8** Indiana Owls - 1pm - CCNC
- W **9** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Rookery Preserve - 11am - RP
c. Animalia - Spring Awakening - 1pm - CCNC
d. Garlic Mustard Pull - 2pm - CCP
- Th **10** a. Spring Break Hike - 11am - SKP
b. Rainforest Animals Program - 1pm - CCNC
- F **11** Indiana Wild - Animals in Your Backyard 1pm - CCNC
- Sa **12** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
b. Rookery Preserve - 3:30pm - RP
- Su **13** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- Tu **15** White River Campground Opens - WRCCG
- W **16** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **17** Pre-school Gathering - 10:30am - CCP
- F **18** Good Friday - Facilities Closed
- Sa **19** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
b. Garlic Mustard Pull - 10am - PBP
c. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
d. Spring Wildflower Hike - 1pm - CCP
- Su **20** Easter - Facilities Closed
- Tu **22** Rookery Preserve - 2pm - RP
- W **23** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Coxhall Mansion Tour - 5pm - CHG
c. Bring the Wildflowers Home - 7pm - CCP
- Th **24** a. Children's Garden Tour - 11am - CHG
b. Home-school Hike - 1pm - CCP
- Sa **26** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
b. Useful and Edible Plants - 1pm - TCNH
c. Garlic Mustard Pull - 10am - CCP
d. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
e. Arbor Day Stroll - 3pm - PBP
f. Family Fun Times - WRCCG
- Su **27** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Herbal Preparations - 1pm - TCNH
c. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
d. Garlic Mustard Pull - 2pm - SKP
- W **30** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP

May

- F **2** Pajama-Rama - 7pm - CCNC
- Sa **3** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
c. Rookery Preserve - 3:30pm - RP
- Su **4** a. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
b. Garlic Mustard Pull - 2pm - CCP
c. Family Nature Club - 3pm - CCNC
- M **5** a. Spring Wildflower Hike - 1pm - CCP
b. Rookery Preserve - 6:30pm - RP
- Tu **6** Election Day - Facilities Closed
- W **7** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - SKP
- Th **8** Pre-school Gathering - 10:30am - CCP
- Sa **10** a. Indiana Audubon Society
May Bird Count - 8am - CCNC
b. Garlic Mustard Pull - 10am - PBP
c. Three Sisters' Gardening - 1pm - TCNH
d. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
e. Spring Wildflower Hike - 1pm - CCP
f. Family Fun Times - WRCCG
- Su **11** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **14** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **15** Home-school Hike - 1pm - CCP
- Sa **17** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
b. Garlic Mustard Pull - 10am - CCP
c. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
- Su **18** a. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
b. Garlic Mustard Pull - 2pm - SKP
- Tu **20** Coxhall Mansion Tour - 10am - CHG
- W **21** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **22** Rookery Preserve - 4pm - RP
- Sa **24** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
c. Rookery Preserve - 4pm - RP
d. Family Fun Times - WRCCG
- Su **25** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- M **26** Memorial Day - Facilities Closed
- W **28** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **29** Children's Garden Tour - 11am - CHG
- Sa **31** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
b. Garlic Mustard Pull - 10am - CCP
c. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
d. Rookery Preserve - 3pm - RP

June

- Su **1** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- Tu **3** Cool Creek Story- time - 11am - CCP
- W **4** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - SKP
b. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
- F **6** Pajama-Rama - 7pm - CCNC
- Sa **7** a. Natl. Trails Day Hike -11am - SKP
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
- Su **8** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. An Encounter with Fur Traders -1pm - SKP
c. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
d. Family Nature Club - 3pm - CCNC
- W **11** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Rookery Preserve - 11am - RP
c. Camp-fire Program - 7pm - CCP
- Th **12** a. Pre-school Gathering - 10:30am - CCP
b. Home-school Hike - 1pm - CCP
- F **13** Cool Creek Concert - Polkaboy - 7pm - CCP
- Sa **14** Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
- Su **15** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **18** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Beach Bash - 11am - MPB
c. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
- Th **19** Children's Garden Tour - 11am - CHG
- F **20** Cool Creek Concert - Flying Toasters
7pm - CCP
- Sa **21** Enclosure Tour - 11pm - SKP
- Su **22** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- M **23** Summer Exhibit Begins - CCNC
(Summer Sense-ations)
- W **25** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
- F **27** Cool Creek Concert - Jeremy Vogt Band
7pm - CCP
- Sa **28** a. Summer Triathlon - 8am - MPB
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - SKP
c. Prairie Hike - 1pm - SKP
d. Family Fun Times - WRCCG
- Su **29** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- M **30** a. Nature Program - 10am, noon, 2pm - CCP
b. Coxhall Mansion Tour - 5pm - CHG

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Tour the Coxhall Mansion



Hamilton County Parks is now offering tours of the newly renovated Coxhall Mansion and Museum, located on the stately grounds of Coxhall Gardens. The tours cover the history of the mansion, the grounds and the Cox family, as well as others that played a role in the creation of one of Hamilton County's most prestigious residences. Tours are free, but registration is required. Please call 317-770-4400 for details or if special accommodations are needed.

Dates/Times: Thursday, March 27, 10 am - Noon
Wednesday, April 23, 5 - 7 pm
Tuesday, May 20, 10 am - Noon
Monday, June 30, 5 - 7 pm

Ages: All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-770-4400



Cool Creek Park

Vintage Vehicle Expo

Enjoy classic vehicles, fun entertainment
and exciting giveaways...wheel fun for everyone.

Date: Saturday, August 9

Time: Noon - 3:30 pm

Cost: Free to the public

Location: Cool Creek Park*

**Entrants sign in at Collision Cure
in Westfield - 9:00 am - Noon*



If you have a classic vehicle
you'd be proud to display at this
show, contact 317-770-4400 or visit
myhamiltoncountyparks.com
for registration information.

